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Applicants: Denis CHALON ) RE: Preliminary Amendment  
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APPARATUS FOR EMAIL HANDLING" ) Date: January 9, 2002

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace original Claims 7-8 and 10-11 with amended Claims 7-8 and 10-11, which are set forth below. (Appendix A, which is enclosed herewith, shows how original Claims 7-8 and 10-11 were amended to produce amended Claims 7-8 and 10-11.)

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the transmission step includes additional intervening steps such as spooling the email or handling the email by mail-servers or any other operations as may be required by the particular email implementations or system architecture.

8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein following step (c) in claim 1, the sender amends the email and initiates a send operation in accordance with either step (b) in claim 1 whereupon the email is again subjected to the transmission

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